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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-115247 A,
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2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H11-341040,
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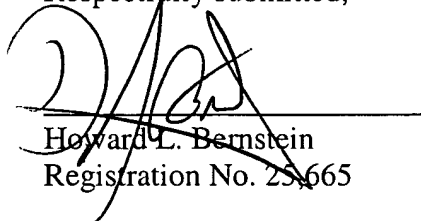
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses here with a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated February 24, 2004 and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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Cited publications

1. Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-115247

Remarks

See figures 1 and 2 and the description thereof; it is found that the access control device 10-1, etc. in the ICS1 performs the same format (protocol) conversion as in the invention of the present application.

Performing format (protocol) conversion in a network or the like is found to be a commonly used means, but if necessary, refer for instance to the literature indicated below.

2. Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-341040

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